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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE, BONN INFO CINCUR, CINCUSAREUR,  
CINCUSAFE, USELMLO, MOSCOW AND NATO FROM BERLIN MAR 02 REPEATED YOU:

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BERLIN 0389

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, MOPS, WB, UR, GE

SUBJECT: STOLEN TANK

REF: BERLIN 388

1. MISSION PROTOCOL OFFICER CALLED ON DEPUTY SOVIET  
PROTOCOL OFFICER ADOMAITIS AT 0940 MARCH 2 AND  
DELIVERED FOLLOWING ORAL STATEMENT IN REGARD TO  
INCIDENT DESCRIBED REFTEL:

QUOTE I WISH TO CONVEY TO THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES  
THE SINCERE APOLIGIES OF THE U.S. AUTHORITIES IN  
BERLIN FOR THE INCIDENT THAT TOOK PLACE EARLY THIS  
MORNING WHEN A U.S. ARMY TANK INFLECTED DAMAGE  
TO INSTALLATIONS AT THE FRIEDRICHSTRASSE CROSSING  
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POINT LEADING INTO THE SOVIET SECTOR AND THEN

ENTERED THE SOVIET CHECKPOINT AREA AT DREWITZ.  
THE TANK WAS STOLEN AND DRIVEN BY AN EMOTIONALLY

DISTURBED U.S. SOLDIER AND PROVED IMPOSSIBLE TO  
HALT.

I WISH ALSO TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION OF  
THE U.S. AUTHORITIES FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE  
SOVIET AUTHORITIES IN ARRANGING FOR THE SWIFT AND  
UNCOMPLICATED RETURN OF THE TANK TO THE U.S. SECTOR.

I WISH TO STATE FURTHER THAT THE U.S. AUTHORITIES  
WILL UNDERTAKE TO PAY FOR THE DAMAGE INCURRED. END  
QUOTE

2. ADOMAITIES SAID THAT THIS WAS FIRST HE HAD HEARD  
OF INCIDENT AND EXPRESSED INCREDULITY THAT SUCH A  
THING COULD HAPPEN. HE UNDERTOOK TO RELAY U.S.  
STATEMENT TO HIS SUPERIORS.KLEIN

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